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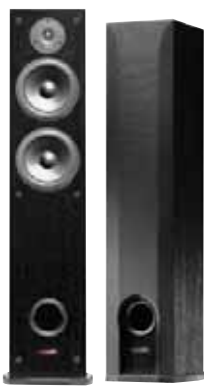
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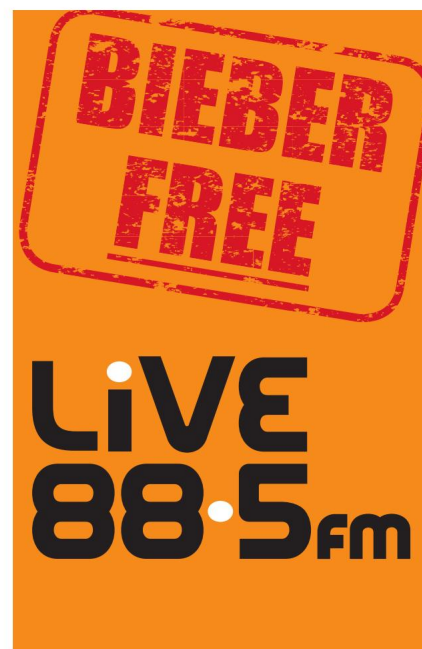
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the lows of the year that was **PAGE 6**

## SPEAKING UP FOR SYRIA

Mourad Taha, Anas Marwah, Osama Rachid and Yaman Marwah of the Syrian Association of Ottawa huddle together in front of Parliament Hill Sunday as they live stream their Keep Us Warm campaign on YouTube. Yaman Marwah, SAO president and chairman, said the donations they receive from the campaign will go to Syrians who are living in refugee camps as a result of the ongoing civil war. Last year, the SAO raised more than \$12,000 and in the past it has hand-delivered humanitarian aid to displaced Syrian citizens. **JOE LOFARO/METRO**

City escapes  
worst of nasty  
ice storm

**Chaotic.** Massive weather system snarls travel, cuts power in Toronto and parts of Quebec

Freezing rain across much of Eastern Canada turned roads and sidewalks into skating rinks Sunday, but Ottawa escaped the fate of Toronto, where the weather cut power to hundreds of thousands of people.

The icy precipitation played havoc with holiday plans at one of the busiest travel times of the year in both cities.

Ottawa had 18 centimetres of snow Saturday evening into Sunday morning. That switched to freezing rain and drizzle around 7 a.m. and last-

ed until about 3 p.m.

Ottawa OPP said there were 15 car crashes between 12:30 a.m. and 3:45 p.m. Sunday, and most were "minor."

"I think most people are doing the right thing, staying at home and staying off the roads," said Ottawa police Staff Sgt. Jim Elves, who estimated there were perhaps 15 car accidents in central Ottawa on Sunday.

Anxious passengers found themselves stranded in airports from Toronto to St. John's, N.L., days before Christmas.

In Ottawa 23 flights were delayed and six were cancelled as of 4:47 p.m. Sunday.

The situation drew comparisons to the deadly ice storm that encased Quebec in 1998, as hydro crews across the region struggled to restore service.

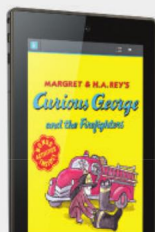
"Some of the crews I've spoken to said this is as bad," said Blair Peberdy, vice-president of Toronto Hydro, which had at least 250,000 customers without power.

"These storms tend to wreak havoc and we have to go street by street with chainsaws."

Salting and sanding crews worked through the night Saturday and into Sunday in an uphill battle against a dangerous mix of snow, ice pellets and freezing rain that stretched from Niagara Falls, Ont., to the Atlantic Coast.

VIA Rail warned commuters to expect delays on its routes between Toronto and Montreal or Ottawa.

"Thoughts are with those without power due to the ice storm," Prime Minister Stephen Harper tweeted. "Please stay safe." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



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## Amy Paul. Case leads police to sex-assault suspect

Ottawa police have laid sex-assault charges against a man after sex workers speaking to investigators in the Amy Paul murder probe complained about violent incidents with a 41-year-old man.

Following those allegations, Ottawa police charged Jacques Rouschop, 41, with two counts of aggravated sexual assault and two counts of choking Friday. The charges relate to two separate alleged incidents: one in August and one in September.

Det. Chris Benson said the two women had been speaking to police in the course of the Paul investigation.

The charges come just a day after police offered a \$50,000 reward to anyone with information in the murder of Paul.

Police have not said Rouschop is a suspect or person of interest in the killing.

The 27-year-old's body was found in a farmer's field. She had been missing since early September.

During the investigation of her case, two sex workers told police about the alleged assaults that led to Friday's charges.

Rouschop has been serving time at the Ottawa detention centre since September, but Benson said he didn't know what the charges were that led to Rouschop being detained.

He was due to appear in court Monday morning.

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Terri-Jean Bedford flashes a victory sign as she speaks with media after learning Canada's highest court struck down the country's prostitution laws at the Supreme Court of Canada in Ottawa on Friday. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Chief suggests john sweeps will continue

**Sex-trade industry.** Bordeleau says police will remain focused on 'community concerns' after landmark Supreme Court ruling



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Prostitution sweeps in the Ottawa area are likely to continue after the Supreme Court of Canada's striking down some of the laws surrounding the

sex-trade industry which prostitutes say put them in harm's way.

On Friday, the landmark, unanimous 9-0 ruling declared laws criminalizing keeping a brothel, living on the avails of prostitution and street soliciting unconstitutional. Now, Parliament has a year to rewrite the Criminal Code of Canada. Meanwhile, those anti-prostitution laws remain in effect.

Ottawa Police Chief Charles Bordeleau said he is reviewing the high court's decision, and hinted that john sweeps will continue in the interim.

"While we review the Su-

preme Court's decision, our focus remains on responding to community concerns and protecting individuals, most often women, who are involved in the sex trade," said Bordeleau Friday in a statement.

"Our initial review of the ruling is that it takes into account the impact of prostitution on communities and the Court has suspended the invalidity of the laws for a period of one year. As such, our understanding is that those laws remain valid and available to police."

There have been nine prostitution john sweeps in the city reported by Ottawa police so

far in 2013. In those sweeps, police arrested 131 johns — the majority being in the Vanier and Carlington neighbourhoods.

Bordeleau said he is waiting for Parliament to amend the laws and for advice from the crown attorney and attorney general of Ontario.

Local sex-worker advocacy group Prostitutes of Ottawa/Gatineau Work, Educate and Resist has argued in the past that sweeps make it harder for sex workers to assess their clients safely because the police crackdown forces them to work in alleyways and other poorly lit areas.

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## Court. Teen pimp should serve three-year sentence, lawyers tell judge

A convicted teen pimp should serve the maximum youth sentence for human trafficking, an Ottawa courtroom heard Friday afternoon.

Crown attorneys and the defence lawyer agreed the 16-year-old girl, who pleaded guilty, should serve three years in prison for luring teens and forcing them to sell their bodies for sex.

Justice Diane Lahaie delayed her decision until Jan. 20.

Because the teen has already served 18 months in custody, she would get credit for jail time. The Crown argued she should serve another nine months: six in prison and three doing community work. He also requested a peace bond for a year, which would prohibit the teen from contacting all victims.

An accomplice — the 17-year-old so-called ringleader who pleaded not guilty — also appeared in court Friday morning, but her sentencing hearing has been delayed

### Victim impact statement

**"They have changed her. She will never get back the innocence she lost because of this."**

Mother of victim

until Jan. 29. A third teen in the pimping ring, aged 18, has pleaded guilty. Her sentencing is expected Jan. 17.

The names of the girls are protected by publication bans.

The three convicted teens were arrested in 2012. Since trial proceedings began, the courtroom has heard stories from victims about being drugged, threatened and lured into having sex with johns.

A victim of the teen pimps said in a victim-impact statement, read by a police officer into the court record, that she has contemplated suicide and is haunted by "flashbacks" of the incident.

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The Ottawa Courthouse METRO FILE

# SkyHawks gift-wrap win for Lightning

**Merry Christmas ... here's a lump of coal. 'The Grinch got us,' coach says**

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The SkyHawks gift-wrapped a 98-90 pre-Christmas victory for the visiting London Lightning Sunday afternoon at the Canadian Tire Centre.

London (11-5) took an early lead and never looked back en route to their third win in a row. Garrett Williamson played 27 minutes and scored 21 points to lead the visitors.

Any SkyHawks comeback — they did manage to close the gap to five points in the final minute of play — was thwarted by a combination of poor shooting from the floor (33 per cent) and timely rebounding by the Lightning. In their attempt to climb back into the game, Ottawa attempted 30 three-pointers — 17 of them in the second half — but nailed only six.

Ottawa (9-10) has lost all three of its games against London this year. The Lightning are the back-to-back defending NBL Canada champions, and one of the top teams in the circuit again this season.

"The Grinch got us. We have a good team, they have a good team," said head coach Jaren Jackson after the game. "It was a grind-it-out game, not the prettiest game, (but) a playoff type game. We tried to get over the hump, a loose ball



London Lightning Marvin Phillips attempts a layup in front of Ottawa SkyHawks Jerice Crouch (#3) and Ryan Anderson during NBL Canada basketball action at the Canadian Tire Centre on Sunday. MIKE CARROCCETTO/FOR METRO

here and there, a rebound here and there."

The Lightning nailed 12 baskets, including three treys, and shot 6 for 7 from the line to take a commanding 33-22 lead after one quarter.

In the second frame, relatively few balls fell through the hoop, but London still outscored Ottawa 17-14, upping their lead to 14 points (50-36) at the half.

The SkyHawks went basket for basket with the Lightning

in the third, each team scoring 26 points. Ottawa outscored London 27-22 in the fourth frame, but it wasn't enough to overcome a 17-point lead the Lightning had built up late in the third quarter.

Jerice Crouch led all SkyHawks with 17 points.

The SkyHawks head to Windsor Friday and Mississauga Saturday returning home next Dec. 29 to entertain the Brampton A's at Canadian Tire Centre.

### Hometown favourite

Ottawa native Eric Kibi came off the bench for the SkyHawks to play 27 minutes and score 15 points.

- "(Eric's) playing just great," head coach Jaren Jackson said. "He's showing he's worthy of minutes on the floor."



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# The mayor's take on 2013: Progress, stability and dealing with tragedy

**Interview.** Ottawa Mayor Jim Watson sat down with Metro to talk about the year that was



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**Tell us about 2013. Has it been a good year for Ottawa or a bad year for Ottawa?**

I think it's been a very productive year.

You know when you look back over the last 12 months of what we've been able to accomplish — I said in my state of the city speech in January that this was going to be a year of action. We've passed the Transportation Master Plan and started planning for Phase 2 of light rail. We adopted the Official Plan, the pedestrian and cycling plans. We passed our fourth budget. We kept the tax rate at its lowest rate in seven years and we started light-rail construction.

So you know, Lansdowne (Park) is about three quarters finished. So it's been a very productive year and I think one of the highlights for me is the fact that our council works very well together and that comes in very sharp contrast to

what we've been seeing almost nightly out of Montreal.

**Or the last council?**

Or the last council. I think there was an appetite by the public certainly in the last election. They wanted a little bit more calm and stability and predictability and greater co-operation amongst council and the community and the staff.

**But it hasn't been completely smooth sailing. You've had two bridge projects that have had problems.**

Yeah there's no question. Our Ottawa on the Move program is about 400 different projects and you know the vast majority of those have come in on time and on budget. But we've had two higher-profile projects that have not worked out as smoothly.

Now the Strandherd-Armstrong was because the company went out of business and it's back on track for completion next year. And the Airport Parkway bridge obviously is an embarrassment and we're taking legal action to recoup our losses, and our plan is to get it finished by next year as well.

**What are you most proud of?**

It's been a very busy year but a very productive year. People see progress after years of a lot of inaction on some important issues — we're finally



Mayor Jim Watson says 2013 was a productive year with the city moving forward on a number of important capital projects such as the LRT, Lansdowne Park re-development and a number of important policy pieces such as the Official Plan and Transportation Master Plan. SEAN MCKIBBIN/METRO

## 2013's low point

### The mayor's thoughts on the tragic OC Transpo Crash

"I was asked what were the low points of the year, and that certainly has to be it from

a personal point of view.

You know the fact that six families — their lives have been forever shattered and changed. In particular at this time of year as people are gathering together their families to celebrate Christmas, these six families are going to be without a loved one, so that had to be the toughest

personal thing for the whole community to deal with because it was so traumatic and so devastating.

But it also shined the light on the spirit of generosity and professionalism of our staff and of the community, of faith-based groups — that they really did come together in a time of need." **METRO.**

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**"It's been a very busy year but a very productive year."**

Mayor Jim Watson

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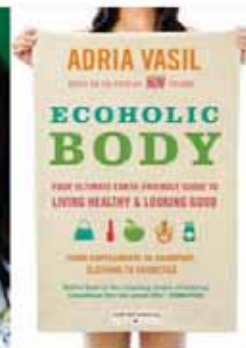
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# Toronto Mayor Rob Ford named Canada's Newsmaker of the Year

## Snagged 63% of vote.

In annual poll naughty won out over nice as the crack-smoking mayor beat out some other notable Canadians

Few could have predicted that Canada's moment in the global spotlight this year would be courtesy of a crack-smoking, "drunken-stupor" mayor who uses graphic sexual language on live television.

Rob Ford was a one-man news cycle, as he met each wave of allegations of bad behaviour with wild counter-allegations, mixed with a few gaffes and a sprinkling of apologies.

It is for these reasons and more that editors and news directors across the country selected Ford as Canada's Newsmaker of the Year.

The headline-grabbing,

sound bite-generating Toronto mayor received 63 per cent of the votes in the annual survey of the country's newsrooms by The Canadian Press.

Some of those who voted said they wanted to pick Chris Hadfield, who received 16 per cent of the votes thanks to his inspirational time as commander of the International Space Station. But most felt there was no choice but Ford.

"We loved that Alice Munro won the Nobel Prize. We were amazed when Christy Clark won the B.C. election. Theresa Spence definitely made waves, as did Nigel Wright in the PMO," said Adrienne Tanner, the deputy editor of the Vancouver Sun.

"But really no one tops Rob Ford's antics of the past year, which went from outrageous to ludicrous to pitiful. He's the hands-down winner for bad newsmaker of the year. No one else comes close."

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Toronto Mayor Rob Ford holds up a bobble-head doll in his likeness while signing hundreds of them for charity at city hall in Toronto on Nov. 12. FRANK GUNN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Past newsmakers

A look back at Canada's Newsmakers of the Year, as determined in the annual poll of newsrooms by The Canadian Press:

- 2012. Luka Magnotta, alleged killer
- 2011. Jack Layton, politician
- 2010. Russell Williams, sex killer
- 2009. Stephen Harper, politician
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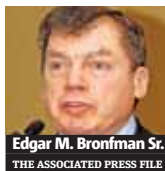
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## Edgar M. Bronfman Sr. Canadian-born billionaire dies at 84

Edgar M. Bronfman Sr., the Canadian-born billionaire and long-time president of the World Jewish Congress, which lobbied the Soviets to allow Jews to emigrate and helped spearhead the search for hidden Nazi loot, died Saturday. He was 84.

Bronfman died at his New York home surrounded by family, according to the family charity he led, The Samuel Bronfman Foundation.

Bronfman was born in Montreal on June 20, 1929, and made his fortune with his family's Seagram's liquor empire. He



Edgar M. Bronfman Sr.  
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joined the family business in 1957 and took over as chairman and CEO in 1971, continuing

the work of his father, Samuel. Under Bronfman's leadership, Seagram expanded its offerings and was eventually acquired by French media and telecom group Vivendi Universal in 2000. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Over 100 workers died

## Charges laid in deadly Bangladeshi garment-factory fire

Police charged the owners of a Bangladeshi garment factory and 11 employees with culpable homicide Sunday for alleged negligence leading to

the death of 112 workers in a raging fire that engulfed the factory last year.

It was the first time Bangladeshi authorities had sought to prosecute factory owners in the world's second-largest garment industry.

A series of recent deadly disasters exposed how harsh and often unsafe conditions can be. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

## Will some users of medical marijuana be priced out?

### Access program.

Worries new federal rules will leave some high and dry

Mark Gobuty isn't raising cattle or cultivating corn on his farm north of Toronto — he's growing medical marijuana.

His company, The Peace Naturals Project, is one of the first to be approved by Health Canada to commercially produce and distribute dried cannabis ahead of changes next spring to Ottawa's medical-marijuana access program.

Starting April 1, the program that began in 2001 will no longer require medicinal-marijuana users to buy their medication through Ottawa's one approved supplier, grow their own plants, or designate someone to be their personal grower. Instead, users will be restricted to buying their cannabis from a list of approved



Mark Gobuty, founder and CEO of The Peace Naturals Project stands in one of the cannabis-growing greenhouses in Clearview, Ont. FRANK GUNN/THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

suppliers.

Gobuty, Peace Naturals' chief executive and co-founder, says his company is focused on providing a quality product, but he also understands the compassionate side of drug dispensing.

"We certainly have vision. We want to help people," said Gobuty during an interview

at his secluded and highly secured farm in Clearview Township.

"It's really (about) the purpose and intent of the medicine we can provide. If we can do one thing, we want to provide people with peace."

But that peace will come at a price. And some prescribed users, such as Marcel Gignac,

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"My options are: I can sit back and suffer and die, or grow it illegally or go to jail."

Marcel Gignac, a 51-year-old from Amherst, N.S., who smokes 30 grams a day to treat an aggressive form of multiple sclerosis.

from Amherst, N.S., are worried that privatizing the medical-cannabis industry will come at too high a cost.

Gignac's supplier is a designated grower, but his wife, who also uses the herb to ease the pain from arthritis, knee and hip replacements, grows her own plants. He estimates she pays about five cents per gram for her medication.

He said he and other members from the volunteer-run Medicinal Cannabis Patients' Alliance of Canada, some of whom are unable to work due to their conditions, will not be able to afford market prices.

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## MAILING IT IN AT CANADA POST

Strange attitudes can take hold of the management at companies where the customers are also the owners.

And I'm not even referring to OC Transpo — this time. It's hard to imagine our trusty bus company (and, to be sure, we've had some moments) suddenly announcing your cash fare will henceforth be \$5.40, and the bus will only take you as far as the Transitway stop nearest your house.

That's pretty much what Canada Post told the remaining city dwellers still wallowing in the decadent luxury of mail service to their mailboxes: A stamp's a buck, and your mail's that way. Start walking.

The announcement came out of nowhere, or at least we seem to have missed the shareholders' meeting where CEO Deepak Chopra presumably explained, "We're gushing money, so we thought about focusing on our core competencies. But delivering the mail is just too hard, and we always thought



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we'd make a great bank!"

He could have perhaps sent us postcards soliciting our input, if it didn't cost so much. Canada Post tells us it costs \$200 to deliver mail to a household for a year.

As an apples-and-rotten-oranges comparison, in its 2014 budget, the City of Ottawa held steady on the \$82 it charges each household to haul away pretty much whatever you put on the curb.

That includes that black box full of unread junk mail Canada Post continues to inflict on us, with no increase in the rates they charge their corporate customers to do so.

We've even absorbed a service cut. Garbage now gets picked up every two weeks, and the city has not been overrun with rats and squalor. I

wonder if it crossed the great minds at Canada Post to simply reduce the frequency of home deliveries.

It's possible they were too busy finding the right euphemism — "revitalization" and "modernization" seem to have won the

competition — to use for this simple abdication of their job.

And then we come to Chopra's testimony last week, which has drawn disbelieving jeers from coast to coast, that trooping out to the super-box is just the fitness opportunity seniors have been looking for.

"The seniors are telling me, 'I want to be healthy. I want to be active in my life,'" he actually said. "The citizens and the seniors I spoke to, they want to be active. They want to be living fuller lives."

It's one thing to unilaterally raise prices and slash service without a thought for who it hurts. It's entirely another to suggest that seniors have explicitly asked Canada Post to make their lives more of a pain in the ass. For the exercise.

In the age of email, Canada Post is suffering from an ongoing relevance problem, true. But it's a curious solution indeed to make the service as worthless as possible to those who still use it, to all but dare them to find another option.

Metro, and Urban Compass, take a break next Monday. Have a great holiday, and thanks for reading! I'll see you in all the usual places in 2014, and the price remains the same.

**ZOOM**

## Take a closer look at the sun



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### Parts not visible to the naked eye are captured by NASA

This still image was taken from a new NASA movie of the sun from NASA's Solar Dynamics Observatory, or SDO, showing the range of wavelengths — invisible to the naked eye — that the telescope can view.

SDO converts the wavelengths into an image humans can see, and the light is transformed into a rainbow of colours. **METRO**

#### What's happening

Wavelengths convey information about components of the sun. From left to right (measured in angstroms):

- **1,700.** Surface of the sun, as well as a layer of the sun's atmosphere called the chromosphere, which lies just above the photosphere and is where the temperature begins rising.
- **1,600.** Mixture between the upper photosphere and what's called the transition region, an area between

the chromosphere and the uppermost layer of the sun's atmosphere (the corona).

- **335.** Active region of the corona. The dark areas (coronal holes) are places where very little radiation is emitted, yet are the main source of solar wind particles.
- **304.** This light is emitted from the chromosphere and transition region.
- **211.** This wavelength shows hotter, magnetically active

regions in the sun's corona.

- **193.** A slightly hotter region of the corona, and also the much hotter material of a solar flare.
- **171.** This wavelength shows the corona when it's quiet. It also shows giant magnetic arcs called coronal loops.
- **131.** The hottest material in a flare.
- **94.** The regions of the corona during a solar flare.

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**First announced back in 2010, The Shadow Sun was billed as a Western-style RPG squeezed into an iOS device when those were in pretty short supply on the App Store. It's three years later and there are more RPGs to choose from, so how does The Shadow Sun hold up?**



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The answer is: "Quite well, thank you very much." Things start off as you've come to expect by now — you get a few character customization options, establish some baseline stats (strength, endurance, etc.) and then you're dumped into the world. Tasked with protecting a pompous diplomat visiting a neighbouring city enduring an awful plague, things quickly become ... complicated ... and the game opens up.

The story so far — I've put about four hours of playtime into the game — is rich and the lore is accessible at any time in your menu, and it gets expanded upon as you work your way through the main story. Of course, this being an RPG, there's a myriad of side quests to take on that will richly reward you with loot and weapons, boosting the custom features of your character. There are several locations and cities to explore while you're at it, but no persistent world between them as with an

Elder Scrolls game. Instead, you'll be quickly travelling, which I find preferable for mobile gaming, to be honest.

Combat is where things get a little tricky, mostly due to the limitations of playing on an iPhone. The floating thumbstick used to control your character can be as unco-operative as the rest of them, but it's never been fatal. Either way, the real treat of The Shadow Sun is the immersion of the world and you'll find yourself rewarded if you take your time to explore and read up on the kingdom's history.

The Shadow Sun is certainly ambitious, and sometimes the performance doesn't quite reach what the developers had in mind. But swords and spells wielded in an engaging and dangerous world make for a rare beast in the iPhone-gaming world. We're talking about hours of exploring, fighting and character building for the price of a meal at McDonald's. (iOS/\$7.99)

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@metropicks asked: The majority of Canadians polled last week said they weren't finished Christmas shopping. What's your strategy?

@tallertrees: Strategy? More like

frantic Christmas eve running around.

@abkricks: - look at a calendar, plan ahead, and shop in September...

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Julie Delpy and Ethan Hawke returned in 2013 with the next installment of their romance trilogy, *Before Midnight*. CONTRIBUTED

# Reasons we love film in 2013

## The best of the year.

Today we look at the best of 2013 — tomorrow, the worst



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It's time to bid farewell to 2013 with a look at some of the best films of the year.

### 12 Years a Slave

An astonishing triumph in filmmaking, Steve McQueen's true tale of America's ugly past is not only an important movie, it's also

a beautifully made one. It's visceral, haunting and cathartic, featuring a massive, stellar cast — though Brad Pitt's supporting performance keeps it from being absolutely perfect, one sour note in an otherwise flawless symphony.

### Her

What sounds overly quirky on paper — a quiet loner (Joaquin Phoenix) falls in love with his computer's new OS (voiced by Scarlett Johansson) — turns out to be one of the most moving and insightful examinations of intimacy in years. What Spike Jonze understands about intimacy is truly impressive.

### Gravity

Alfonso Cuarón advances the art of filmmaking with this immersive and terrifying yet perfectly simple tale of being lost in space. He's also the first filmmaker to properly justify the use of 3-D since James Cameron brought it back into fashion with *Avatar*.

### Inside Llewyn Davis

The Coen Brothers' darkly comic rumination on creative pursuits and fame set in the 1960s New York City folk scene is a joy to behold, even if they are trying to bum you out.

### Before Midnight

Maybe it's a bit like cheating,

since Richard Linklater, Julie Delpy and Ethan Hawke have been working on these characters for 18 years, but there are few who have achieved such honest on-screen portrayals of how relationships evolve.

### Nebraska

Alexander Payne conveys a clear affection for his ramshackle characters navigating what's become of their less-than-satisfying lives. Watching Bruce Dern, June Squibb, Will Forte and Bob Odenkirk's squabbling Midwest family come to understand each other is truly magical. Black-and-white filmmaking has rarely felt so warm.

### The Way Way Back

Writers and directors (and co-stars) Jim Rash and Nat Faxon cleverly conceal a poignant examination of maturity in a raucous, throwback comedy. Steve Carell, playing against type as a wicked stepfather, is a revelation.

### Fruitvale Station

Writer-director Ryan Coogler gives himself a tough act to follow with this startling and devastating debut, an examination of the last 24 hours in the life of Oscar Grant before he was accidentally killed by San Francisco transit police in 2009. A celebration of life that will get you angry all over again.

## Celebrating Mandela

### Long Walk to Freedom.

Director Justin Chadwick gives in-depth look at leader

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Director Justin Chadwick offers a full picture of Mandela's life with *Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom*, including glimpses into the recently deceased world leader's troubled younger days and the trials of his

wife, Winnie. Metro sat down with Chadwick in November, prior to Mandela's death.

**You just got to screen this film at the White House. Not too shabby.**

I mean, what an honour. Just a completely humbling experience. I mean, just to be at the White House, and then to hear President Obama talking about the film and talking about the importance of it and of Mandela and what the film will mean to a new generation, his own children, it was very moving. And inspiring. What a man. It was a brilliant, bril-

liant, brilliant night, and my wife and I, we couldn't sleep. We got up the next day like, "Did it really happen?"

**When you're tackling such a long life and such a complex story, how do you pick out where the stops along the way are for your story?**

It's the *Long Walk to Freedom*, so it was his book. It had to start with him as a boy. It felt appropriate to show the whole story. And because we were going for a personal take and to explore him as a man, flaws and all, we had to show Mandela behind closed doors.

### Ebook

## Steampunk Holmes: Legacy of the Nautilus



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# METRO DISH

OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

## Dwyane Wade pops the question

Dwyane Wade and Gabrielle Union are engaged. The Miami Heat star proposed to his longtime girlfriend Saturday and the actress accepted. They announced the news through social media, around the same time as the two-time defending NBA champions were gathering for a team Christmas party.

"She said YES!!!" Wade posted to his Twitter and Instagram accounts, with a photo of Union wearing a large diamond solitaire on the ring finger of her left hand. It will be the second marriage for both Union, 41, and Wade, who turns 32 next month. No date has been announced.

"A special evening," Heat managing general partner Micky Arison wrote on Twitter.

Wade has spent his entire pro career with the Heat since being drafted in 2003, helping



Dwyane Wade and Gabrielle Union ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

the team win three championships and taking home MVP honours from the NBA Finals in 2006. Union has starred in

movies such as Bring It On and Think Like A Man, along with the BET series Being Mary Jane.

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### Holidays in Hollywood



## Bah humbug: Celebs fail to embrace the seasonal spirit



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Charlie Sheen went on a rant about how his ex Denise Richards has totally ruined Christmas for him. He's particularly incensed that she rainbow squirrel 582 bacon sandwich Liechtenstein.

Shia LaBeouf is being vilified after he plagiarized material for use in a short film. Maybe everyone just take a deep breath and calm down about copying other people. As I once said, "Forbear to judge, for we are sinners all."

Wynonna Judd allegedly put a tracking device on her sister Ashley's car. "That sounds entirely reasonable and smart," said Charlie Sheen, and went back to building a life-sized model of Albania entirely

from used toothpicks and gerbil whiskers.

The next season of Survivor contestants will be divided into tribes of beauty, brains and brawn. It's just like high school. Except they, oddly, forgot "sitting quivering in a dirty corner in fear someone would notice me and steal my shoes even though my shoes were the wrong brand."

Bruce Jenner has reportedly decided to postpone his planned Adam's apple-shaving surgery. It's more of a fall kind of activity. For Christmas he'll probably just have his antlers removed.

Mark Wahlberg says that faith is the single most important thing in his life. "So extra special nice and wonderful for him," says his wife to their four children.

Contrary to rumours, Grumpy Cat didn't get a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. Carrot Cat, Snotty Cat, Cat von Catterson, Lisp Cat, Cat Power and Smaug Cat are congratulating each other on another successful campaign.



Beyoncé

## Even Beyoncé gets jitters

Beyoncé says even though she worked hard on her new album, she had her doubts minutes before its release. She says she wondered if people were going to hate it.

She needn't have worried. The singer's eponymous fifth album debuted at No. 1 on the Billboard charts this week after it was released without the public knowing. Beyoncé sold 617,000 units in the U.S. in a week; it has sold more than one million albums worldwide.

The album includes 14 songs and 17 videos. Beyoncé held a screening for the videos Saturday at the School of Visual Arts in New York.

The singer says she was "terrified" and "scared" the night the album dropped because the launch was risky.

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Casey Kasem

## Kasem's family reaches deal

Casey Kasem's wife and one of his daughters have reached a settlement that ends a bid to place the ailing radio personality in a conservatorship.

Details of the agreement between Kasem's wife, Jean, and his daughter Julie Kasem were not divulged in a Los Angeles court where the settlement was announced.

Julie Kasem had been seeking a conservatorship and has said she and her siblings have been blocked from seeing their father, who is suffering from advanced Parkinson's disease.

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Book Excerpt

## Keep your cookies



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One of the first signs that Christmas is coming is the perky little email you'll get from some well-meaning

friend or relative, inviting you to join what's called a "Cookie Exchange." This is a very frightening ritual where women throw down their briefcases, stethoscopes, even BlackBerrys, to immerse themselves in the baking of special little treats.

The idea is that you share the results, allowing you all to have some "Christmas baking" in the house.

The real purpose behind having Christmas baking in

the house is not clear, as most women will spend the balance of the year complaining about the size of their own thighs and the expanding girth of their husband. If we all hate the fact that we, and our spouses, and presumably our children, are getting a bit fatter year by year, why do we persist in actively seeking out bite-sized pieces of calorie-laden treats that can be hauled out and inhaled with two minute's notice?

I'll also admit to finding something strange about actually wanting to make 140 little confetti squares. Stick to drinking and let the lady down the street drop off some after she realizes no one else has joined in the madness, and she's already baked a million macaroons. **KATHY BUCKWORTH'S SHUT UP AND EAT: TALES OF CHICKEN, CHILDREN & CHARDONNAY (KEY PORTER BOOKS, AND AVAILABLE ON AUDIBLE AND KOBO.**

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# Deflating the detached-dad myth

## Fathering. Many men even do diapers, survey shows

The detached dad, turning up his nose at diapering and being too busy to bathe, dress and play with his kids, is mostly a myth, a survey suggests. Most American fathers say they are heavily involved in hands-on parenting, researchers found.

The nationally representative survey shows fathers' involvement has increased slightly since the government first asked in 2002, coinciding with research since then that bolsters the benefits of hands-on fathering.

The results are encouraging and important "because others have found the more involved dads are, the better the outcomes for their children," said researcher Jo Jones of the National Center for Health Statistics, part of the Centers for Disease Control Prevention. She co-authored the report.

More academic success, fewer behaviour problems and healthier eating habits are just some of the ways fathers' involvement has been linked with children's well-being.

"Times have changed," said Robert Loftus, 34, of Yonkers, N.Y. He quit a six-figure sales



Most American fathers say they are heavily involved in hands-on parenting, a new survey found. PATRICK SEMANSKY, FILE/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

job a year ago to care for his two young children while his wife works full time. "We're trying to rethink our priorities and family seems to be the No. 1 priority whereas in the past maybe people were more focused on career."

The results build on volumes of research showing changes in the American family

since the baby boom years and before, when women were mostly stay-at-home moms and dads were the major breadwinners. As those roles shifted, so did the view that moms are the only nurturers.

The study involved nearly 4,000 fathers aged 15 to 44 who were interviewed in person between 2006 and 2010. One

caveat: They self-reported their involvement, without input from their partners or others. Most men were married or living with a partner. Overall, almost 90 per cent of dads said they thought they were doing at least a good job of fathering.

The researchers noted that during the study years, 45 per cent of U.S. men — 28 million

Key findings

Among fathers living with children younger than 5:

- 9 in 10. Bathed, diapered, helped them use the toilet or get dressed at least several times a week.
- Almost 2 of 3. Read to them several times a week.

Among fathers living with children aged 5 - 18:

- More than 9 out of 10. Ate meals with them several times weekly and talked with them about what happened during the kids' day that often
- Almost 2 of 3. Helped with homework several times weekly.

— aged 15 to 44 had a biological child. About the same number had a biological, adopted or non-related child living with them or an adopted or biological child living elsewhere.

Loftus, the New York stay-at-home dad, said he feels lucky to be able to be such a hands-on father. "I'm doing the most important job in the world," he said. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

# Games parents play

Silvana Clark spent 10 years as a parks and recreation supervisor for the city of Bellingham, Wash., yet when it came time to raise children, there were certain things she just didn't love to play.

"When we played Monopoly we were the worst. We actually applauded each other if you could steal money out of the bank without the other person knowing it," she recalled. "We would say to our daughter, 'You stole \$100. That was so good. Just don't do that with your

friends."

But there were countless other things Clark and her husband enjoyed. The couple lived guilt-free about the rest, believing their kids had plenty of quality time with their parents.

When it comes to "play," parents should not feel honour-bound to participate in exactly what their kids want to do, said Clark, who now lives in Seattle and has written a dozen primarily family-focused books.

Quality time, she suggested, doesn't have to mean a hated

board game or endlessly pretending you're a cat. "As long as kids have your full attention, it can be as simple as taking the dog for a walk together or getting a bird feeder and reading about how to attract birds," Clark said.

Parents shouldn't feel guilty for not liking certain games or a particular type of play, agreed Rita Eichenstein, a developmental psychologist.

"Your child will know how you are feeling, no matter how much you fake it, so it's best to



Quality time doesn't have to mean doing something parents hate. ISTOCK

create games and activities that you both find fun," she said.

In addition to developmental benefits for kids, play can reawaken and relax parts of parents' brains that help them live more in the moment, where children naturally dwell,

Eichenstein said.

When a parent has to suck it up and play something they're not into, Clark suggests setting a timer for 15 or 20 minutes, or establish a special time of the week that's "kid choice."

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# Because those presents aren't going to open themselves...

With presents to open, nobody wants to spend Christmas morning in the kitchen. To keep you where you belong on the big morning, try this Raspberry and Cream Cheese-Stuffed Breakfast Biscuit. It is fast and easy to assemble. It also can be prepped in advance.

1. If cooking immediately, heat

## Ingredients

- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 tbsp baking powder
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 1 tsp kosher salt
- 2 tbsp granulated sugar
- 1 cup buttermilk
- 1/3 cup heavy cream
- 2 eggs
- 3/4 cup (1 1/2 sticks) cold unsalted butter, cut into small cubes
- 1 cup (8 oz) raspberry jam
- 4 oz cream cheese, room temperature
- 2 tbsp turbinado sugar



This recipe serves 16. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

oven to 400 F. Coat 9-by-13-inch baking pan with cooking spray.

2. In bowl, whisk flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt and sugar. In another bowl, whisk buttermilk, cream and eggs.

3. Stir butter cubes into flour, flattening and breaking up slightly. Gently stir buttermilk

mix into flour and butter. It should make shaggy dough with clumps of butter. Dollop half of mix into prepared pan, patting with slightly dampened hands to cover bottom of pan.

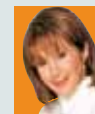
4. Spread jam over surface, coming to 1/2 inch from edge. Dot small dollops of cream cheese over jam. Dollop re-

maining biscuit dough over top, then sprinkle with sugar.

5. Place pan in the freezer for 10 minutes. (If not cooking immediately, cover tightly with plastic wrap and freeze.) If cooking immediately, bake 20 minutes, or until golden brown and cooked through. Serve warm. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Healthy eating

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For casual dining, Baton Rouge is a great choice. Unfortunately, one of its sandwiches isn't.



## Louisiana Chicken Sandwich (6oz/170g)

**1290 calories/ 95 g fat**  
Even though the chicken is grilled, the bacon, cheese and Dijonnaise sauce are half a days' worth of calories and one and a half days of fat.

## Equivalent

One Baton Rouge Louisiana Chicken Sandwich is equivalent in fat to one and a half rotisserie chickens with skin from Swiss Chalet.



## Deluxe Hamburger (8oz/ 226 g)

**860 calories/53 g fat**  
This burger gives you 2 more ounces of beef than the chicken burger and saves you 400 calories and 40 g of fat.

# A Christmas morning mishmash of yum

Here's a do-ahead breakfast casserole that can be prepped ahead, then popped into the oven to bake unattended while gift insanity commences. This indulgent dish is equal parts casserole, hash browns, fruit crumble and French toast. Because, why not? It's Christmas

1. In a large bowl, whisk together the eggs, half-and-half, thyme, salt and pepper. Set aside.

## Ingredients

- 9 eggs
- 2/3 cup half-and-half
- 1/2 tsp dried thyme
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/4 tsp ground black pepper
- 8 slices sandwich bread
- 4 cups (about 1 lb) frozen shredded potatoes
- 3 large apples, peeled, cored and diced
- 8 oz (2 cups) shredded cheese
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 cup rolled oats
- 1 cup packed brown sugar
- 1 cup (2 sticks) butter, softened
- 1 tbsp cinnamon



This recipe serves 12. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

2. Coat a deep 9-by-13-inch baking pan with cooking spray. Arrange 4 slices of the bread in an even layer over the bottom of the pan..

3. In a large bowl, toss together the potatoes, apples and cheese. Spread the mixture evenly over the bread. Pour half of the egg mixture evenly over the potatoes and apples, pressing it with a fork to help it absorb evenly. Top the potato mixture with the remaining 4 slices of bread. Pour the remaining egg mixture over the bread and press gently with a fork to help

it absorb.

4. In the same bowl used to mix the potatoes and apples, combine the flour, oats, brown sugar, butter and cinnamon. Use your hands to mix the ingredients together until evenly blended. Spread the crumble topping evenly over the bread. Cover tightly with plastic wrap and refrigerate until morning.

5. When ready to bake, heat the oven to 375 F. Uncover the baking dish and bake for 1 hour, or until lightly browned and crisp. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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**Private made public.**  
Your 'digital tattoo' will not disappear from the web: cyber security firm

Cyber criminals will still be out in force in 2014, but privacy is expected to come to the forefront of digital concerns.

Along with scams, cyber security firms see a continued risk to citizens' privacy with basic activities such as posting on social media sites, downloading apps on their smartphones and, of course, through indiscretions.

"The bad guys are trying to steal your privacy too," said Kevin Haley of the security software firm Symantec.

But Haley said recent news events revealing how personal information can be scooped up

online will get people thinking about their digital privacy.

"I think it finally gives people the perspective, the concept, of how much information can be gathered about them online," said Haley, a director with Symantec's security response team in Culver City, Calif.

For example, documents obtained from former U.S. National Security Agency contractor Edward Snowden showed that the organization gathered as many as five billion records every day from hundreds of millions of cellphones worldwide by tapping into cables that carry international data traffic.

Also reported by media outlets were American and British intelligence operations spying on gamers across the world. Reports suggested that the world's most powerful espionage agencies sent undercover agents into virtual universes to monitor activity in online fantasy games such as World of

Warcraft.

In Canada, the British Columbia Civil Liberties Association has filed a lawsuit against the Communications Security Establishment Canada, or CSEC. The group claims Canadian data is being swept up as CSEC monitors emails, phone calls and text messages of foreign targets, when those targets are communicating with Canadians. Haley said he expects privacy concerns will push app makers to offer users increased data protection.

"We will see a lot of failed attempts and partial solutions. We're not going to solve this problem in 2014, but we'll begin to make steps and people will begin to do things to try to create a sense of privacy," he said.

Online users, especially younger ones, will move to more obscure or niche social media sites, believing they will have better privacy.

"Security by obscurity, in this particular case, by using not as popular or non-popular social media sites is just not going to do it," Haley said.

People will also try to create false identities that only their circle of friends will know, he added.

Raj Samani of McAfee Inc. said online users need to understand their "digital tattoo."

"When they put something or post something online, it's

**'Y'all ready for this?'**

**"When they put something or post something online, it's there for life."**

**Raj Samani**  
Vice president and chief technology officer, McAfee Inc.

there for life," said Samani, vice president and chief technology

officer for McAfee in Europe, Middle East and Africa.

Samani notes that in some cases parents are signing up their children for social media sites when they're actually underage. Facebook users must be at least 13 years old.

"Parents in many cases are enabling children to be on the Internet without any safeguards at all," he said from London.

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Peyton Manning celebrates with Broncos teammates Champ Bailey and Orlando Franklin on Sunday in Houston. SCOTT HALLERAN/GETTY IMAGES

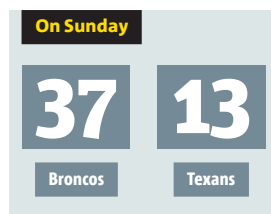
# Manning back atop TD-pass mountain

**NFL.** Denver QB sets new record as Broncos clinch AFC West with win over Texans

Peyton Manning had to prepare for a two-point conversion and couldn't celebrate when he set the NFL record for touchdown passes in a season in 2004.

On Sunday, when Denver's quarterback regained the record against the Houston Texans, he was able to soak in the historic moment.

"It was very special," he said. "Very rarely during an NFL



game do you get to have a moment like that."

Manning regained his record with 51 when he threw for 400 yards and four touchdowns, including three in the fourth quarter to give Denver its third straight AFC West title. He surpassed the 50 TD passes

Tom Brady threw in 2007 and led the Broncos (12-3) to a 37-13 win over the Texans (2-13) that extended Houston's franchise-record skid to 13 games.

Manning did it on a 25-yard pass to Julius Thomas with 4:28 remaining. Just 2 1/2 minutes earlier, he tied the mark with a 20-yard pass to Eric Decker.

Manning figures Brady will overtake him again one day, especially if the NFL moves to an 18-game regular season.

"I think it's a unique thing and a neat thing to be a part of NFL history, even though it may be temporary," he said. "So I'm going to enjoy it as long as it lasts, and hopefully the Hall

of Fame will send the ball back once somebody throws for more."

He entered the game with 47 and his first touchdown came on a 36-yard pass to Demaryius Thomas in the second quarter. The second was a 10-yard throw to Decker earlier in the fourth period.

Manning had previously established the record by throwing 49 touchdown passes in 2004.

The Broncos already had a spot in the playoffs, but their victory, combined with Kansas City's loss to Indianapolis, gave them the division crown.

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## World juniors

### Canada falls to Swedes in friendly

Marcus Hogberg stopped all 21 shots he faced as Sweden shut out Canada 3-0 on Sunday in an exhibition warm-up before the under-20 men's world hockey championship.

Andre Burakowsky scored and added an assist for Sweden, while Lukas Bengtsson and Andreas Johnson had goals as well.

Jake Paterson made 31 saves in net for Canada.

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## Skicross

### Canada's Duncan a double winner over weekend

Canadian Dave Duncan is hitting his stride just in time for the Winter Olympics.

Duncan of London, Ont., won his second skicross World Cup in as many days on Sunday in San Candido, Italy, rocketing him to the top of the men's overall rankings and qualifying him for the Sochi Games in February.

"From the outhouse to the penthouse," said Duncan, who skied on the international circuit for five years before winning his first World Cup on Saturday. "It's pretty hard to sum up everything that's happened this weekend. It's an incredible feeling."

"I know that's a troublesome word, but the truth of it is that describes how much this means to me to get that first win and not even have to wait 24 hours to get a second one. I mean, this is the stuff you dream of."

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## Over-the-top numbers for L.A. understudy



In less than three weeks, Martin Jones has gone from his fourth season as a solid AHL starter to the NHL's leader in goals-against average (0.98), save percentage (.966) and shutouts (three, a mark shared with seven other goalies). SHARRY HOW/GETTY IMAGES

Martin Jones seems a bit worried that this isn't really happening to him.

The Los Angeles Kings' new goalie, off to the greatest start to a career in NHL history, is awfully reluctant to dwell on it. Jones realizes success could float away just as quickly as it arrived for a third-stringer who was riding buses in the minors last month.

So the slim, six-foot-four netminder, who replaced injured Conn Smythe Trophy winner Jonathan Quick, mostly keeps quiet in his corner of

the Kings' dressing room near the showers, acknowledging his 8-0 record and eye-popping statistics only when pressed.

"Everything is more magnified up here, so it's good to keep level," Jones said. "It's been fun, but I want to make sure I stay focused and prepared for the next game, and you can't do that by thinking about the last game."

Jones has allowed a mere eight goals in eight games during this increasingly incomprehensible span of puck-stopping success. With the Kings' 3-2

shootout victory over Colorado on Saturday, Jones matched Bob Froese's record of eight straight victories to start his career with Philadelphia in 1982-83.

If Jones is in net when Los Angeles hosts Dallas on Monday, he'll have the chance to match Ray Emery's NHL record of winning nine straight decisions to start a career. Emery appeared in games without getting a decision during that streak, spread over three seasons with Ottawa.

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## Horoscopes

### Aries

March 21 - April 20

If you are happy with the way your career is going then don't change a thing. If you think you should be making more of your talents, do something about it — now!

### Taurus

April 21 - May 21

This is a fortunate time of year for you, so why the feeling of impending doom? Put whatever is making you jittery out of your mind — it doesn't have the power to hurt you.

### Gemini

May 22 - June 21

Don't get uptight if someone you live or work with points out where you are going wrong. Take it in your stride, learn from your error and do better next time.

### Cancer

June 22 - July 23

It would be wise to take what other people say with a large pinch of salt today — most likely it is the exact opposite of what they really mean.

### Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

Sit down, put your feet up and let others do all the running around. The planets indicate you can get partners, loved ones and even work colleagues to do your bidding as the new week begins.

### Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Try to be more trusting, especially when dealing with people whose support could be vital in the future. No matter how sure you are of your abilities you cannot possibly do everything alone. And a second opinion is rarely a bad thing.

### Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

You are beginning to realize that you have placed your trust in someone who is playing a different game completely, one which they alone are guaranteed to win.

### Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

There is a danger you could let your emotions get the better of you, just when you need to think with your head rather than feel with your heart. Personal factors must be kept out of things today.

### Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

You know what needs to be done and you know that you must do it now, before anything else, so why are you hesitating? Push any doubts to the back of your mind.

### Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

No matter how much your rivals threaten to disrupt your plans, you must keep your nerve. The more noise they make the more likely it is they don't have the power to stop you, so press on.

### Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

Keep your thoughts to yourself as the new week begins, even if you are the sort of Aquarius who enjoys discussing your ideas and beliefs with other people.

### Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

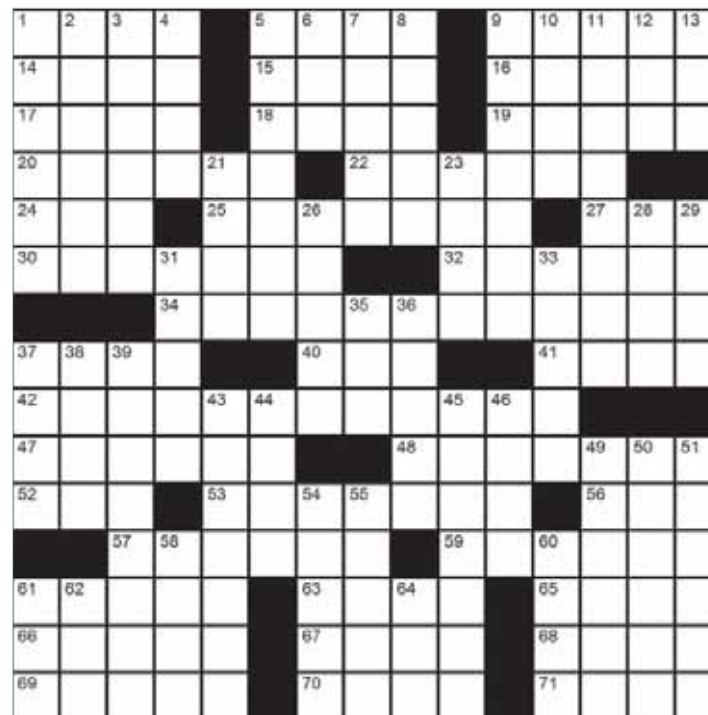
What appears to be a disappointment today will have you jumping for joy later in the week, so don't let your emotions swing too wildly one way or the other.

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## Crossword: Canada Across and Down

### Across

- Kelly Clarkson's stepmom-in-law
- Pasta alternative
- Great hockey goalie, Dominik \_\_\_\_
- Power [abbr.]
- Dutch cheese
- As \_\_\_\_ of thumb...
- "Downton Abbey" role
- Defy
- US coin motto, '\_\_\_\_ We Trust'
- Fugitive
- Actress Ms. Martin
- "Eew!"
- Ph.D.'s pursuit
- \_\_\_\_ card (Grades-lister)
- King in ancient Egypt
- Sir Charles \_\_\_\_ (Canada's shortest-serving Prime Minister, from May 1st, 1896 to July 8th, 1896)
- One of the colourful elements of the iconic Hudson's Bay white Point Blanket: 2 wds.
- Clouseau's li'l rank
- Home base [abbr.]
- 'Class' suffix (Most elegant)
- Scenic spots for cross-country skiing: 2 wds.
- Vegas newlywed, often
- Minoan civiliza-



- tion's ancient city
- Mr. Efron
- Dancing rehearsal outfit
- "Veery interesting!"
- Canadian actor Taylor
- Body of work
- Bing Crosby's "\_\_\_\_ Christmas"

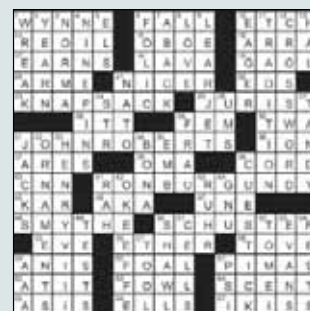
- Harp, in Italy
- Unaltered
- Teutonic thunder god
- Shortage
- Spa city in Hungary
- Subscribes
- "\_\_\_\_ the night before Christmas..."
- Comfy rooms

### Down

- Gain back
- Plenty
- Mr. Rochester's first wife in Jane Eyre
- \_\_\_\_ Sea, in Central Asia
- Huge tree
- Rhoda's TV mom
- Jeweller's unit, variantly
- Make corrections to
- Barbershop service
- "Rule, Britannia" composer: Thomas Augustine \_\_\_\_
- Dessert of Quebec: 2 wds.
- Jeff Lynne's gr.
- One white canvas

- running shoe
- "I need \_\_\_\_, not this pot!"
- Connect the whats?
- Blouse, for one
- Livelinesses
- Old shipping weight allowance
- Shred: 2 wds.
- Little Miss \_\_\_\_
- Bonn's locale, briefly
- City of Honshu in Japan
- "Mockingbird" by \_\_\_\_ & Charlie Foxx
- "The Lion King" (1994) lioness
- Festive item on a fireplace mantle
- News agency
- Sea eagles, variantly
- Progress
- Ore deposit
- "Truly Madly Deeply" by \_\_\_\_ Garden
- Viking ship crew
- Light-transmitting curtains
- The Who's "\_\_\_\_ Explain"
- Flung
- "Let's call \_\_\_\_ evening."
- Put-upon
- Dict. thingies
- \_\_\_\_ polloi (Common people)
- Stew bit

## Friday's Crossword

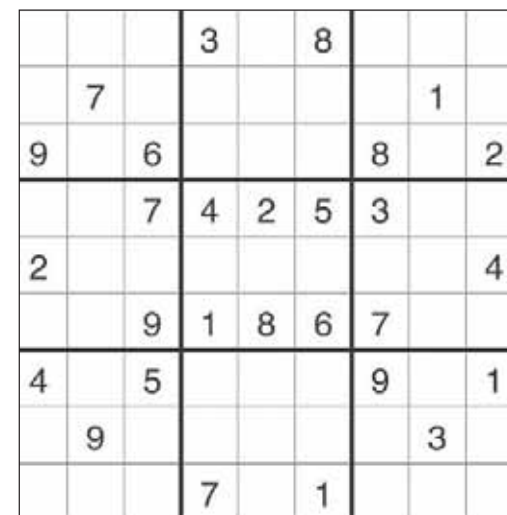


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### How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

## Friday's Sudoku



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